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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOIGE, Ludgate Circus, E.C., BATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C., SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 165, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

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## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 6th March, 1877, at 12 o'clock, at the Godowns of Messrs RUSSELL & CO., Praya Central,—

(For account of the concerned,) Ex "Edward James,"

1,810 bags FLOUR, different marks. (More or less damaged by sea water.)

AFTER WHICH At the Godowns of Messrs RUSSELL & CO., Wanchi,

Ex "Aiden Beebe,"

500 bags FLOUR, different marks. (More or less damaged by sea water.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 3, 1877. m6

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

#### LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),—

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet on the East side thereof on Peel Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1,817 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storied TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15.55.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer; the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers. Hongkong, February 26, 1877. m10

### POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. KIDD to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock P.M. (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road,—

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, February 26, 1877. m12

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, ... 500,000 Dollars.

## Court of Directors.

Chairman—H. HOFFIUS, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—F. D. SAHOOX, Esq.

AD. ANDRE, Esq.

E. R. BELLIMOS, Esq.

HOD. W. KESWICK, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, ... THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, ... EWEN CAMBON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

N. Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 8 " 4 per cent.

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED:

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road, East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

## Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'S CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,

and are amongst the largest shippers

from Charente.

Qualities One \*\*, Two \*\*\*, Three \*\*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*\*

in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [sp5]

## NAVAL CONTRACT, 1877-8.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1877-8, viz.:—

FRESH BEEF RAISINS  
FRESH VEGETABLES WATER SOFT BREAD  
RICE SUGAR BISCUIT  
TEA

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BREMNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 23, 1877. mcl6

## WANTED.

A DISPENSER. APPLY BY LETTER ONLY.

Address: "K" o/o the China Mail Office, Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

## NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

187, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, ... £1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND, ... £ 340,000 "

WITH Reference to the foregoing Adver-

tsement THE MARINE INSUR-  
ANCE CO. has This Day taken over the  
Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL  
STEAM TRANSIT CO., and has appointed  
Mr A. MCIVER as its AGENT in Hong-

Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. av17

## NOTICE.

NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBALDI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1877.

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE

DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honor to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,

G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

MURRAY BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

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Visitors are particularly requested not

to pass under the ropes; a Grand Stand

will be erected for their accommodation.

The First Race to be started at 1 o'clock precisely.

R. S. J. WALKER, 2nd R.R.

Hon. Secretary.

MURRAY BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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## For Sale.

## FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s  
Celebrated  
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.  
Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

## 10-day's Advertisements.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY &amp; FOOCHOW.

The Steamship  
"ESSO,"  
Captain PUNCHARD, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Inst., at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1877.

## FOR AMOY.

The Steamship  
"EMERALD,"  
Capt. THIBAUD, will be  
despatched for the above Port  
on THURSDAY, the 8th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
A. MACS. HEATON,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

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GERMAN STEAMER HESPERIA,  
JOHANSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG  
AND LONDON via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored  
at their risk in the Godowns of the  
Underwriters, from whence delivery may be  
obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of  
their Goods from the Boats alongside the  
Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th  
Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless  
notice to the contrary is given until Noon  
This Day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
Wm. PUUSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1877.

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## NOTICE.

PARTIES having left some Luggage are  
requested to take delivery of same as  
soon as convenient, but not later than the  
31st March next. After This Date they  
will be Sold by Auction; the Amount  
realised will be placed to the credit of their  
account with the Hotel.

V. FAVRE,  
Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers,  
Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

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## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has this day CLOSED  
their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS  
and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors  
are requested to send in their Claims for  
payment not later than the 15th Instant.  
Those indebted to him will oblige by an early  
settlement.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877.

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## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

STATE OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.  
B. BLAKE—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEEMEAN GIBSON, American barque,  
Captain D. Bradford—Arnold, Karberg  
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.  
Weisberg—Siemens & Co.

ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain  
S. Noyes—Rosario & Co.

TYBENIA, British ship, Captain Robt.  
Golder—Moyer & Co.

FORMIA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt.  
G. Schwer—Melchers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque,  
Captain Wm. Sivewright—Siemens & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain  
David Plumer—Siemens & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain  
A. Longmuir—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ROSA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.  
C. W. Hansen—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCHEGORUM, British schooner, Capt.  
S. Mason—Chinese.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 4, Anzai, British barque, 463, J.  
Hill, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal.—  
CAYMAN.

March 4, Cyphene, Brit. steamer, 1280,  
Wood, Shanghai March 1, General—GRISSE,  
LIVINGSTON & Co.

March 4, Ningpo, British steamer, 761,  
Cass, Shanghai Feb. 27, Swatow March 3,  
General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 4, Syringa, British 3-m. schooner,  
242, Partridge, Haiphong Feb. 12, General.—  
CHAN CHEONG W. S.

March 4, Presto, British barque, from  
Whampoa.

March 4, Edinburgh, British steamer,  
2,300, Worsted, Singapore Feb. 21, and  
Capt. St. James 25.—E. E. TELEGRAPH CO.

March 5, Tunis, French steamer, 1785,  
Reynier, Yokohama, Feb. 27, Malacca and  
General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 5, Jeddah, British steamer, 904,  
J. L. Clark, Singapore and Saigon Feb. 17,  
and 27, General.—GEZ CHONG HONG.

Mar. 5, Montgomery, British steamer,  
1146, Sturrock, Saigon Feb. 27, Rice.—H.  
KEL & Co.

Mar. 5, Hesperia, German steamer, 1187,  
Johnsen, Hamburg Dec. 50, London Jan.  
8, Port Said 25, Sues 29, Penang Feb. 20,  
and Singapore 24, at 5 p.m., General.—  
Wm. PUUSTAU & Co.

March 5, Thales, British steamer, 820,  
U. Cole, Cooktown Feb. 14, Ballast.—  
HOY KEE & Co.

March 5, Flyte, French steamer, 2000,  
Brunet, Shanghai March 2, 2 a.m., Mails  
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, Bullock, for Swatow, Amoy, etc.  
4. Bamboozie, for Amoy.  
2. Ningpo, for Canton.  
2. Tyburnia, for Swatow.  
4. Gunga, for Saigon.  
Bertha, for Haiphong.  
5. Rose Bottcher, for Tourof.  
5. Formosa, for Whampoa.  
6. Butuan, for Manila.

## CLEARED.

François I., for Saigon  
Fingertips, for Saigon.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per Tanais, from Yokohama: for Hong-  
kong, Messrs Curwen, Malet de Carteret,  
Van, William Cowles, and E. Grolelet; for  
Saigon, Mr Sibeam; for Galle, Mr J.  
Walter Clutterbush; for Marseilles, Mr  
and Mrs Cargill and 2 children; Miss  
Anne Cargill, Miss Eveline Cargill, Miss  
Cargill, Messrs R. Huggan, Couderoy,  
Bourré, and Mr Cargill's 2 servants.

Per Tigre, from Shanghai: for Hong-  
kong, Mr Smith, and 17 Chinese; for  
Salon, Messrs Ketellez and Rorie; for  
Marseilles, Messrs Schopel, J. M. Walker,  
Thatcher, C. H. Gough, F. S. Galpin, and  
A. Keining.

Per Hesperia, for Yokohama, Mr C.  
Schlevozel, Lieuts Von Rosen, Weeche, and 27 Marines  
of H. I. G. M.'s Navy.

Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, &c., Mrs  
Laidler and Child, Mr Fabris, and 74 Chi-  
nese.

Per Cyphene, from Shanghai, Mr Steil,  
Per Jeddah, from Singapore and Saigon,  
1 Chinese.

Per Montgomeryshire, from Saigon, 26  
Chinese.

Per Thales, from Cooktown, 20 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Zamboanga, for Amoy, Don Pedro  
Soler, and 2 Chinese.

Per Butuan, for Manila, Mr and Mrs  
Schuh.

Per Haifong, for Swatow, &c., 100  
Chinese.

Per Rosa Boettcher, for Tourof, 100  
Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque Anzai reports:  
Moderate N.E. winds to lat. 14° S., thence  
to 2 N. moderate variable winds. From  
2 N. to the neighbourhood of the Pellew  
Islands fresh Northerly winds, and thence  
to port moderate to fresh N.E. winds.

The British steamer Cyphene reports:  
Moderate monsoon and thick weather. On  
the 3rd off Scattered Islands passed S. S. State  
of Louisiana bound North, and on the  
morning of the 5th, S. S. Gazette.

The British steamer Ningpo reports:  
Had moderate monsoon to Swatow, thence to  
arrive fine clear weather and Northerly  
breeze.

The British steamer Edinburgh reports:  
From Singapore to Cape St. James moderate  
N.E. winds and fine weather. Anchored outside  
Green Island on the evening of the 3rd, and came inside this morning (4th).

The French steamer Tanais reports:  
First part of passage strong Southerly  
winds, latterly strong N.E. winds.

The British steamer Montgomeryshire re-  
ports: Strong N.E. winds throughout the  
passage.

The French Mail steamer Tigre reports:  
Moderate N. E. winds throughout the  
passage.

The British steamer Jeddah reports:  
Had strong Northerly gales and high sea  
to Saigon. From thence fresh N.E. and  
N. winds and head sea and full cloudy  
weather. In Saigon River passed German  
barque Margaretha off Cape St. James, and  
British barque Colombo beating out. On  
the 28th Feb., passed a steamer bound  
South. March 3rd, S. S. Pernambuco or  
Penedo bound South. The S. S. Chou  
Phya which left Singapore on the 17th  
Feb. had not reached Saigon when Jeddah  
left, and considerable anxiety was experienced  
as to her safety. In Saigon—Str.  
Namo, British barques Sophia, Marquis  
of Argyl, Davina, and Mount Lebanon.  
One Russian barque and one French ship  
(name unknown.)

The German steamer Hesperia reports:  
From Singapore to port experienced strong  
N.E. winds. On the 24th Feb., the S. S.  
Ulysses was brought back by two tug-boats,  
having broken her shaft.

The British steamer Thales reports:  
Strong head winds and heavy head seas all  
the passage.

The French Mail steamer Tigre reports:  
Moderate N. E. winds throughout the  
passage.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 7.55 p.m.

## General Memoranda.

## WEDNESDAY, March 7.

Daylight.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

THURSDAY, March 8.

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Emeralda leaves for Amoy.

FRIDAY, March 9.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs  
Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, March 10.

Noon.—Sale of Ground and Property in  
Peel Street.

MUNDAY, March 12.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at  
Rev. R. H. Kidd's Residence, Albany  
Road.

Good per Hesperia undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 13.

Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for  
the supply of Provisions.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yoko-  
hama and San Francisco.

Claims against the Hongkong Photogra-  
phic Co. close after this date.

MONDAY, April 2.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

TUESDAY, April 3.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, April 4.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

THURSDAY, April 5.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

FRIDAY, April 6.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 7.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

SUNDAY, April 8.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

MONDAY, April 9.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

TUESDAY, April 10.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, April 11.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

THURSDAY, April 12.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

FRIDAY, April 13.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 14.

the chair-cooies, Constables were sent out, and they arrested the 2nd defendant, while the 1st was brought down from his room. The question for the Jury was whether there was sufficient connection between the two prisoners to make the 2nd prisoner liable as having acted in concert with the first.

Evidence was then taken, similar to that which was adduced before the Magistrate.

The prisoners then made their defence, which was substantially the same as that they gave at the Police-Court.

The 1st prisoner said he happened to pass the 2nd prisoner and Warneford, and did not know anything of the robbery until he was told so by Sergeant Swanton at the Charge Room. As to the 2nd witness, one of the chair-cooies who carried Warneford, he had known him before, having had occasion to strike him several times for street obstruction.

The 2nd prisoner stated that he went with the prosecutor to the Stag Hotel, thence to the Star Tavern where they had some drinks and met with some men-of-war's men. He had some drink in him, and did not know when Warneford left the tavern. He was afterwards told that Warneford was wanting to fight with some men outside, and he went out to put him into a chair, and was going to take him back to the Sailors' Home. He was drawn from the liquor he had taken, and although he was not exactly asleep, he had his eyes shut, and did not know until he found the chair was let down. He did not know that Warneford had been robbed and was looking for him when he was met by Sergeant Lindsay.

His Lordship then summed up, and in the course of his observations he said, P. C. Westropp had an opportunity of explaining his extraordinary conduct in regard to the dollar he received from the 1st prisoner, and it seemed to his Lordship that the explanation was fairly satisfactory.

The Jury then returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against the 1st prisoner, and of not guilty against the 2nd.

In discharging the 2nd prisoner, his Lordship said he had had a narrow escape, and he should be careful in future of the company he got into. With regard to the 1st prisoner, his Lordship reserved sentence, as he wished to consider the provision of the Ordinance concerning larceny by Police-men.

The Attorney General called attention to the loss of time the chair-cooies had been put to in this case, and to the prosecutor's detention here on account of this case, and of his loss of several situations.

This lordship said the chair-cooies' conduct was very highly praiseworthy, and he would recommend them strongly to the Government for a reward. The cooies were called up and had this explained to them.

The Sessions were then adjourned till Wednesday next at 10 a.m. Jurors need not attend.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL," Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

Sir,—Can any of your Clerical readers inform me whether Military Chaplains are exempted in any way from strict obedience to the Rubrics? I read in my Prayer book that at Holy Communion "if any remain of that" (Bread and Wine) "which was consecrated it shall not be carried out of the Church, but the Priest and such other of the Communicants as he shall then call unto him shall immediately after the Blessing reverently eat and drink the same." The 28th Article is also clearly against "reservation." Should not the Cathedral Church present a model of faithful obedience to the rubrics? A question which will force itself even upon those who do not belong to what has been recently elegantly termed the "Raffraff of Ritualism." Kindly aid in the enlightenment of

AN ENGLISH CHURCHMAN.

### China.

SHANGHAI.  
(News.)

A daring robbery of nine chests of tea has been committed on board the barque *John Potts*, now lying in the river ready for sea. The robbery was only discovered on Saturday, March 24th, on which day the hatches were opened to take in more cargo, when it was found that the nine chests had been abstracted, but as to how or when no one can give any information. Information of the robbery was given to the Police, and enquiries resulted in the apprehension of three shore men, one being an American, one a Dane, and the third, we believe, a Swede. The American is bar-keeper in a drinking saloon in Hongkong, and the stolen tea was found in his bed-room. The case was partly investigated yesterday (Feb. 26th) at the respective Consulates of two of the accused. The men charged were Robert Gracey, an American, and Julius Frederick Mauer alias Brown, a German. The evidence adduced showed that at about a quarter to three o'clock on Saturday morning the two men named were seen by P. C. Holland pushing or dragging a trap containing nine chests of tea into the back yard of the American Sailors' Home, Hongkong. He stopped them, and questioned them, and received for answer that the chest contained "sailor's dunnage." The same morning it was discovered that the cargo of the *John Potts* had been broached and some chests of tea stolen. Brown's room was afterwards searched, and upwards of 54 lbs. of tea, in mat bags unweaving in quality and colour to that stolen from the *John Potts*, found therein. There were also found a number of pieces of wood, evidently portions of broken tea chests, and the lead-paper lining of nine chests. The fragments of wood were examined, and found to bear numbers corresponding to those on the missing chests, the name of the "Takoo" being, and also that of the ship. Gracey was committed for trial by J. C. Myers, Esq., U.S. Consul General, and Brown remanded by Dr Kraatz, German Consul, till Saturday. Another man concerned, Christian Hansen, is a Dane, and will be brought up at the Danish Consul to-day (Feb. 27th).

The German vessel *Carmelite* on 1<sup>st</sup> anchored yesterday afternoon (Feb. 22nd) below the shipping, having left Hamburg on the 15th August last. For the benefit of coasting steamers, the *Chesil*, which arrived yesterday (Feb. 22nd) from Swatow and Amoy, reports a sunken junk in mid-channel between Taku and Sepulchre Islands. One mast appears two feet above the water.

The steamers belonging to the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., and the other merchant vessels flying "the Stars and Stripes" yesterday (Feb. 23rd) passed through

in honour of Washington's birthday. There were no American men-of-war in port, and none of the war-vessels belonging to other nationalities displayed extra bunting.

It is reported that the Chinese Government has contracted a loan of £15,000,000, which is to be remitted from Europe in silver.

We hear that the unfortunate lodging house keeper, so long persecuted by the Chehien, has been released from prison. He is supposed to have gone to his wife's relatives at Soochow, being himself utterly ruined.

The Annual Meeting of shareholders in the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company was held yesterday (Feb. 26th). The accounts show a profit of £15,940, out of which a dividend will be paid at the rate of 8*1*/<sub>2</sub> per cent. on the half-year, and £15,878 carried forward. The Chairman thought the result of the year's working might be looked upon as fairly good, considering the exceptionally dull state of trade previous to the Chefoo Convention, when trade was almost at a standstill, and for several months the bills of coast steamers did not amount to one-third of what they usually did.

There had also been a great falling off in the revenue from the storage of coals and iron. Messrs. Irving, Bell, Sutherland, Westall, and McLeod were re-elected Directors, and the retiring Auditors were re-elected.

We hear telegrams have been received reporting a panic in Lyons, consequent on apprehensions of war between Russia and Turkey at the expiration of the Armistice.

We learn from Corea that the King's palace at Shauil (the capital) was destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th December last. The young King is said to have had a narrow escape with his life.

It is reported that the instalment of £15,000,000 on account of the purchase of the S. S. N. Co., which is due under the agreement on the 1st March, came down from Nanking on Monday, and was paid over to Mr. Russell & Co. yesterday. This completed the first million, anticipating the date by a month. Advertisements in another column notify that the management of the S. S. N. Co.'s steamers, wharfs, and godowns is to-day transferred to the G.M.S.N. Co.; and holders of the former company's godown warrants are requested to hand them in to the Superintendent of the Kin-lee-yuen godowns, to be exchanged for new warrants issued by the G.M.S.N. Co.

### PEKING.

Feb. 8.

Some stir has been occasioned here by the publication of an Imperial decree in the Gazette of the 1st instant, in which in functions in favour of religious toleration, with special reference to Christian proselytism, are laid upon the Provincial Governments throughout the Empire. This spontaneous manifesto, the first of the kind ever issued, is said to have been evoked by a representation from the Governor-General Li Hung-chang, who, descending upon the consequences of the Margary affair, urged the importance of averting similar dangers, arising from prejudiced treatment of converts to Christianity. The most abundant fall of snow ever known by Foreign residents in Peking, lasting over a period of nearly three days, has greatly rejoiced the minds of the native population, and the promise which it gives of a good Spring harvest. From Tintain it is reported that the River is entirely open off the Settlement. —N. C. D. News.

### HANKOW.

Feb. 24.

It is reported that the *Kestrel* had some difficulty in her trip to Ichang, and only reached Shasi (290 miles from Hankow), after 13 days' steaming. News has not yet been received of her arrival at her destination. People were complaining of the softness of the weather the day before yesterday. It is now snowing heavily.—N. C. D. News.

### Japan.

(Matt., Jan. 24.)

The *Raiden Maru*, belonging to the Kai-takushi Department, has been fitted up as a war ship and arrived in Yokohama on the evening of the 16th instant.

The Governor of Nagasaki is said to have asked for advice from the Government as to the way in which foreign residents at Nagasaki should be treated in the case of war. The foreigners themselves do not seem to know much about the disturbance which is at present going on in the Satsuma, although that province is so much nearer to them than it is to us, for strange to say, the Nagasaki papers received by the last steamer make no mention of Satsuma in any way whatever.

It is said that a telegram has been received stating that twenty thousand of the Satsuma *samurai* are now ready to take the field.

Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

There is now no doubt about the position of affairs in the South, as the following notification, declaring war against the Satsuma rebels, has been published in to-day's *Naniwa Shimbun* by authority. The strength of the Imperial army to be employed is not yet known, but it may be fairly presumed that a sufficiently strong force will be sent to finally and completely subdue the refractory province of Satsuma. It will be seen by another notification that the Mikado has elected to remain at Kioto instead of returning to T'hai.

**NOTIFICATION.**

"As the insurgents of Satsuma have forced their way into the Kumamoto *ken*, unlawfully bearing arms against the Imperial authority, His Majesty the Mikado has ordered an expedition to be sent against them, of which H. I. H. Arisugawa no Miya has been appointed Commander-in-Chief."

"The above having been telegraphed from the Imperial Palace, Kioto, is hereby made known."

Note.—As many of the insurgents may make their escape to various parts of the Empire, strict orders have been given to the authorities of Sh. Fu and Ken to take every precaution to have them at once arrested." —(Signed) IWAKURA Tozomi, *Osakai*.

Yamagata, the Minister of War, is at Shimomoseki, and occupied solely in directing the movements of the troops.

As many of the troops of the Tokio garrison have been despatched to Osaka, a battalion of infantry from the Utsunomiya garrison arrived at Tokio on the 17th inst. to supply their place.

It is now rumoured that the leader of the present disturbance at Kagoshima is Uchi-Do, a son of manager of the affairs of the House of Shimadzu.

An agrarian riot is reported in the province of Echizen. For some time the

farmers have shown discontent, which even the reduction of the land-tax did not allay. Several meetings were held by them about a fortnight ago, and the officials, fearing that the unruly conduct of some of the farmers would lead to a serious disturbance, called in the aid of the police to disperse them. In this the police were unsuccessful.

The farmers made a combined attack on them and the officials, wounded thirty of the former, and seized and carried off one unfortunate *Kiuchi*, who has not since been heard of. The rioters subsequently looted many houses in the neighbourhood, and it became necessary to call in the aid of the troops to suppress them. Three companies of infantry were sent against the rioters on the 11th instant and succeeded in arresting sixty of them and dispersing the rest.

**NOTIFICATION No. 21.**

"An expedition having been ordered against the rebels of Kagoshima *ken* (Satsuma), it is hereby made known that the newspaper must not recklessly publish false reports concerning the above."

Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

This morning, just before daybreak, while the *Nagoya Maru* was passing Urage, she came into collision with a fishing boat. Of a crew thirteen men in the boat one managed to get inside the paddle box of the steamer, where he remained until arrival in port, when he was taken out but little the worse for his unexpected trip. Captain Conner says he saw the boat passing astern after the accident, and thinks it likely the remainder of the men were not injured.

There is a rumour current in Tokio to the effect that the *Nevada* left Ko'ei with twelve hundred men on board, whom it was intended to land at Tsurumi in Bungo, as being the best point where troops could be disembarked and collected for the projected attack on the Satsuma insurgents, but that on her arrival it was found that the place was already in the possession of the Satsuma people who have also, it is said, occupied the island of Amakusa.

It is reported that the Imperial troops expected to attack the body of Satsuma Arsenal for one hundred field pieces and guns of position of various sorts for the Kumamoto garrison.

All the police constables in Kiushiu have been armed, and formed into soldiers of the line. A body of the insurgents is said to have advanced to about 3*ri* from Kumamoto *Kencho*, in number over a thousand.

Large guns and small arms were sent in the 1st from Dotsu-nishii, Tokio, to Kumamoto and Fukuoka. The thirteen cases of coin which were sent from the *Okurasho* to the Army Department on the 21st instant will also be forwarded to those two *ken*.

Orders have been given to the Osaka

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A steamer has been sent down to Kagoshima to bring away the foreigners resident there, and also those who were on board the *Mitsubishi* steamer *Taihei Maru* at the time of her capture by the *samurai*.

A report states that Kirino with his men

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A telegram announces that the *Taihei Maru*, which was stated to have been captured at Kagoshima, arrived safely at Kobe on the evening of the 26th instant.

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Majesty can be in immediate communication with the capital and other important places. Native vessels are prohibited clearing out from Osaka, and will, we suppose, be compensated by the Government for the forced detention. Policemen are posted at all the stations on the Kioto Railway to arrest all suspected persons.

The following items of news are from the *Hochi Shimbun*:

"A telegram from Fukuoka on the 18th instant stated that the Satsuma men had advanced about one and a half *ri* beyond Minamoto towards Kumamoto, and attempted a night attack at nine o'clock. There are signs of about two thousand insurgents preparing for an attack on Nagasaki."

A telegram which was received at Tokio at 7 a.m. on the 21st instant stated that a severe battle took place on the borders of the Kagoshima and Kumamoto *ken* on the previous day.

A telegram received from Nagasaki on the same day announces that on the previous night about fourteen Satsuma men, who attempted to land at Shigeki-ura near Nagasaki, were captured.

The following telegram was received at 1 p.m. on the 21st from Lieutenant General Tani, commanding the Kumamoto garrison:

"—The battle to commence now, further particulars later on."

Another telegram has been received asking that three men-of-war might be sent to Fukuoka in the province of Chikuzen, and yet another message yesterday stated that some disturbance was taking place at Fukuoka.

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